

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## BLUE RIDGE BARBECUE FESTIVAL

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2007 marks the fourteenth annual celebration of the Blue Ridge Barbecue Festival, sponsored by the Polk County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Ridge Barbecue Festival will bring together competitors from across the nation to vie for the winning title in pork ribs, beef brisket, poultry, whole hog and pork shoulder categories; and

WHEREAS, this competition attracts more than 25,000 attendees from all over the country as far away as Arkansas, Texas, Florida and Pennsylvania being listed as one of National Geographic Magazine's "must attend cool festival;" and

WHEREAS, this festival is now ranked among the top five of the most popular barbecue contests in the United States and is the past winner of the Spirit of Barbecue, Best Event Award in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Ridge Barbecue Festival pays homage to our environment by adopting a Going Green Initiative with a goal toward reducing festival waste by 75%; and

WHEREAS, this event shall be known as the North Carolina State Barbecue Championship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 8-9, 2007, as "**THE BLUE RIDGE BARBECUE FESTIVAL DAYS**" in North Carolina and urge all citizens to commend its observance.



*Mike Easley*  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-third day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.